

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

*Sub* 1. A method for synchronizing an event on a plurality of client apparatuses, comprising the steps of:  
2. (a) connecting a plurality of client apparatuses via a network;  
3. (b) embedding an application program on a site on the network;  
4. (c) requesting information from a server on the network utilizing the application program, wherein the information relates to an event to be played back  
5. simultaneously on the client apparatuses; and  
6. (d) receiving a script for displaying the information.

1. 2. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the application program is further  
2. adapted to send a request to retrieve commands from the server for use with a  
3. playback device of one of the client apparatuses.

1. 3. A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the playback device includes a  
2. digital video disc (DVD) player.

1. 4. A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the commands are adapted to  
2. playback the event on the playback device simultaneous with the playback of  
3. the event on the remaining client apparatuses.

1. 5. A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the command includes a start time  
2. when the playback of the event is to begin on each of the client apparatuses.

1. 6. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein application program is a JAVA  
2. applet and the script is JAVAscript.

1. 7. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for  
2. synchronizing an event on a plurality of client apparatuses, comprising:

- 3 (a) a code segment for connecting a plurality of client apparatuses via a network;
- 4 (b) a code segment for embedding an application program on a site on the
- 5 network;
- 6 (c) a code segment for requesting information from a server on the network
- 7 utilizing the application program, wherein the information relates to an event
- 8 to be played back simultaneously on the client apparatuses; and
- 9 (d) a code segment for receiving a script for displaying the information.

1 8. A computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the application program  
2 is further adapted to send a request to retrieve commands from the server for  
3 use with a playback device of one of the client apparatuses.

1 9. A computer program as recited in claim 8, wherein the playback device  
2 includes a digital video disc (DVD) player.

1 10. A computer program as recited in claim 8, wherein the commands are  
2 adapted to playback the event on the playback device simultaneous with the  
3 playback of the event on the remaining client apparatuses.

1 11. A computer program as recited in claim 8, wherein the command includes a  
2 start time when the playback of the event is to begin on each of the client  
3 apparatuses.

1 12. A computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein application program is a  
2 JAVA applet and the script is JAVAscript.

1 13. A system for synchronizing an event on a plurality of client apparatuses,  
2 comprising:  
3 (a) logic for connecting a plurality of client apparatuses via a network;  
4 (b) logic for embedding an application program on a site on the network;

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5 (c) logic for requesting information from a server on the network utilizing the  
6 application program, wherein the information relates to an event to be played  
7 back simultaneously on the client apparatuses; and

8 (d) logic for receiving a script for displaying the information.

1 14. A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the application program is further  
2 adapted to send a request to retrieve commands from the server for use with a  
3 playback device of one of the client apparatuses.

1 15. A system as recited in claim 14, wherein the playback device includes a  
2 digital video disc (DVD) player.

1 16. A system as recited in claim 14, wherein the commands are adapted to  
2 playback the event on the playback device simultaneous with the playback of  
3 the event on the remaining client apparatuses.

1 17. A system as recited in claim 14, wherein the command includes a start time  
2 when the playback of the event is to begin on each of the client apparatuses.

1 (a) 18. A system as recited in claim 13, wherein application program is a  
2 JAVA applet and the script is JAVAscript.

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